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- ☒ 3. The references 1-8 were cited in the International Search Report. An English language version of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information.
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- ☒ 5. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references 4-6 and 8-12 are attached hereto.
- ☒ 6. A computer-generated English language translation of the Japanese Patent Publications 5 and 9-12 has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy.

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